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SUBJECT: STATE OF MONTANA IOGA TRADE MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON PLANNING OF THIS EVENT.

2. IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EMBASSY WAS VISITED BY DONALD J. ENGELLANT, AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, MONTANA INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (MITC) AND DR. EILER D. FREDERIKSEN, 234646 WOODHAVEN PLACE, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603 (TEL: 916-878-0649). ENGELLANT WAS PRIMARILY ON ANOTHER MARKET SURVEY ASSIGNMENT FOR MITC BUT ALSO STATED HE WAS DOING "PRELIMINARY" ADVANCE WORK FOR PROPOSED IOGA. FREDERIKSEN IS CONSULTANT TO THE COMMISSION.

3. WE UNDERSTOOD FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH ENGELLANT THAT LOCAL JOHN J. TUMPANE CO. OFFICE (AIDCO, P.O. BOX 5335, JIDDA, TEL: 54425, MR. HOWARD QUINTON, MANAGER) WOULD "ASSIST" ARRANGING HOTEL, AIRLINE RESERVATIONS, AND LOCAL TRANSPORT FOR GROUP. HOWEVER, BOTH EMBASSY AND MR. QUINTON ARE UNSURE OF DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES THAT IS EXPECTED.

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4. FYI. ACCORDING MR. QUINTON, OTHER MITC REPS RECENTLY DEPARTED JIDDA AFTER NEGOTIATING BID WITH MINAGRICULTURE FOR PHASE TWO OF PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL FARMS IN AL-JOUF IN NORTH AND BALJARSHI, SOUTH OF TAIF, AND EXPERIMENTAL AGRICULTURAL LABORATORY IN RIYADH. (PHASE ONE INVOLVED SETTING UP SMALL STATION

IN EACH FARM LOCATION). MINISTRY DECISION ON AWARD
OF PHASE TWO IS EXPECTED EARLY JANUARY. END FYI.

5. WE UNDERSTOOD FROM ENGELLANT VISIT THAT HE WOULD
RECOMMEND CHANGES IN MISSION COMPOSITION, EMPHASIZING
PUMPING AND IRRIGATION MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, PREFAB
HOUSING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES,
FREIGHT TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND CONSULTING FOR
AGRIULTURE AND CONSTRUCTION SECTORS. CLARIFICATION OF
CURRENT MITC THINKING ON THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF
MISSION, PARTICULARLY PROPOSED ITINERARY IN JIDDA,
RIYADH AND DHAHRAN, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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